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MINE DISASTER.

The Entire Property Known as Spring Hill Coal Mines, Nova Scotia, May be Burned Out.

THE MINE A ROARING FURNACE.

All Efforts to Subdue the Flames Started Thursday Have Failed—Mine Afforded Employment to 1000 Men.

Hullax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Another disaster has overtaken the Spring Hill coal mines. Five years ago the mines were wrecked by an explosion and 130 lives were lost. The colliery employed a thousand men. From meagre dispatches received it appears that the fire which started Thursday evening in the 900-foot level has taken complete possession of two or three shafts and eaten its way to the 1300-foot level where it has developed into a raging furnace. When the government inspectors arrived, fire was issuing from every opening of the mine. Two cupolas have been destroyed and the banks had to be torn away. Miners tried to exclude the air by stopping up every air way but the inspectors ordered them away fearing an explosion. The flames shot a hundred feet into the air. The extent of the fire is not known but most disastrous consequences are feared. The loss of the east shaft is believed to be complete. The machinery will be ruined. It will take hard work to save the west shaft. It is likely that the most serious damage will be confined to the east shaft. The loss seems to be burning itself out. The loss will be enormous and will cause great destitution among the miners as it is doubtful if work can be resumed.

CONFER WITH ECKELS.

A Committee of the Directors of Defunct National Bank of Illinois Call on the Comptroller.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A committee of the directors of the collapsed National Bank of Illinois held a long conference with Comptroller Eckels this morning. They desired to see the original of certain letters which passed between the comptroller and the directors on some questions as to the authenticity of the signatures have arisen. They also desired to explain their relations to the management of the bank since the letter was written to the directors by the comptroller in 1895. Eckels told them the management of the bank had been very negligent. They explained that since the receipt of Eckels' letter they had been trying to sell the Calumet electric but the peace and long political campaign, and the diamond match trouble made it impossible. Eckels impressed on them that he would expect them to make every possible effort to realize from the Calumet road at the best figure possible.

Refuses to Talk or Eat.

Louisville, Ill., Dec. 26.—John Pyle, in the county jail here, on a charge of assault to kill, is giving the doctors a great deal of trouble. On the 8th inst. he was committed to jail in default of bail. From that date to the present he has refused to eat. He declines to talk to any one even to his attorney. On the 15th inst. Mrs. Launheimer and Boyle were appointed by the county court to examine him on a charge of insanity filed by the sheriff. The doctors found him to be sane. Yesterday the charge was removed and the court appointed Drs. Elrod and Park of Flora, Ill., to examine him. After an examination the doctors reported him sane and declared that he is simulating insanity. He has no fever and is showing little if any failure in strength.

Not Harris, the Firebug.

Monmouth, Ill., Dec. 26.—Detective Sergeant McNought and Lewis Hart of New York, came here last night. The latter came to identify the man arrested here Tuesday as J. L. Harris, the firebug of New York City. They have been at the city prison all day, and do not think the man under arrest, who was known here as W. C. LaGrace, is the Harris they are looking for. The man bears a remarkable resemblance, but they say he is not the man wanted. The officers returned to New York last night.

Wrested the Pedestrian.

New York, Dec. 26.—Edward Payson Weston, the father of pedestrianism who started on a twenty-four hour walk at 10 o'clock last night, completed his sixtieth mile at 10:30 this morning. He is in good condition.

At 1:30 this afternoon after half an hour's rest, Weston reappeared greatly refreshed and at 2 o'clock had covered seventy-two miles.

HAD TO KILL HER FATHER.

Woman at Robinson, Ill., Uses a Rifle in Defense of Self and Child.

Robinson, Ill., Dec. 26.—A tragedy occurred at the home of A. J. Toohill, two miles south of this city, late yesterday evening, in which John A. Zaney lost his life at the hands of his daughter, Mrs. Toohill. Zaney and his wife were separated, and his ill-will toward his daughter grew out of the fact that she had been harboring her mother. Zaney came to Robinson yesterday and spent the afternoon in drinking. Before starting home he remarked to a companion in one of the saloons that unless he had some questions answered that night some one would die. On his way home he stopped at the home of Toohill and demanded some information about his wife. His daughter refused to answer, and he threatened to return in a few minutes and kill her and her baby. He went to a hedge fence near by and armed himself, so the daughter thought, and started back. Mrs. Toohill loaded a rifle and stepped to the corner of the house, where she warned him not to approach any nearer.

"I am alone," she said, "and will have to shoot you if you attempt to hurt me." Zaney stepped behind a tree and began abusing her with his hands on his hip pocket. The woman raised the gun and fired. Zaney advanced a step or two farther, and, thinking that she had misheard him, she rushed into the house, seized her child and fled. Meeting her husband, she returned to the house and found Zaney dead, the ball having passed through his body near the heart. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

NEW MOVE IN COFFEE WAR.

Havenmeyer's Agent Secures More Woolson Company Stock.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Havenmeyer's agent secured 610 shares of Woolson Splice company's stock yesterday for \$640,000, which leaves only sixty shares. Those are held by Spencer Auklin, one of the original promoters of the company, who has all along been adverse to the deal. The price paid makes a total investment by the sugar trust of \$1,005,000 for the 1740 shares it has secured. The Woolson has been one of the most remarkable dividend paying properties in this part of the country, as it was organized in 1882 with \$23,000, and not another penny has been added. Since then it has paid \$101,000, making an annual dividend of 25 per cent. The straight book value of the stock when the trust laid siege to it was \$1,725,000.

Twelve new investors are being placed in position, which will give the plant capacity of 1,400,000 bags a year.

Dragged to Death by a Horse.

Xenia, Ill., Dec. 26.—John Couray, a single man about 40 years of age, living four miles east of this city, was fatally injured yesterday evening. He fell from his buggy and his feet caught in the front spring. His horse ran away, and he was dragged nearly half a mile. His skull was crushed and he was otherwise injured. He died about 10 o'clock, without regaining consciousness.

Wells-Fargo Agent Robbed.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 26.—G. C. West, agent at Congress Junction, a station of the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix railroad, eighty-five miles north of Phoenix, was held up Wednesday night by unknown robbers and \$70 of Wells-Fargo money was stolen from him.

Crushed to Death by a Log.

Lafayette, Ill., Dec. 26.—Marvin Nay, aged 8, son of Charles Nay, of this place, was found dead yesterday evening near the family wood pile, with his skull smashed. A large log that had been at the top of the pile had rolled upon him. He had been mired two hours.

Nations of Europe Making No Threats.

Washington, Dec. 26.—It is officially denied that any foreign government has directly or indirectly made any representation whatever to the United States to prevent free action in connection with the Cuban insurgents as alleged in a Paris dispatch to the London Times.

Uprising in Buchanaland.

Cape Town, Dec. 26.—The native uprising in Buchanaland and is developing serious proportions. A party has been refused and fighting has occurred and the British have been obliged to wait reinforcements.

Official Notice of the Seizure of the "Three Friends."

Washington, Dec. 26.—The secretary of the treasury has received official notice of the seizure of the filibustering steamer "Three Friends."

New York Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 26.—The weekly bank statement shows reserve increase, \$1,026,175. The banks now hold \$84,309,900 in excess of the legal requirement.

Heavy rains here.

Calcutta, Dec. 26.—Heavy rains have fallen in the province of Oude. This will prove a great relief to the suffering.

LAW IN KENTUCKY.

Still Disregarded and Lynching Goes On in Spite of It—One More Victim.

ALFRED HOLT, COLORED, LYNCHED.

Report That Any Foreign Government Threatens to Interfere with the United States in Its Course as to Cuba Denied.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 26.—Alfred Holt, the colored murderer of a police officer, was taken from jail by a mob early this morning and hanged in the court house yard so quietly that only a few persons knew anything of it. The mob obtained access to the jail by a ruse, overpowered the jailer and took the prisoner out. He was given time to pray then strung him up to a tree. The members of the mob then mounted their horses in the neighboring streets and alleys and left town as quietly as they came.

Including the Holt lynching seven men in the last week met death at the hands of mobs in Kentucky. Last Saturday Henry Findley was called to his door near Mayfield and shot dead by masked men. Two days before the Proctors, three in number, were the victims of a mob in Logan county. Sunday night Jim Stone was lynched at Mayfield after a pledge guaranteeing his safety made by citizens. Tuesday night Will Smith, a negro, was brutally shot dead at Mayfield.

Spain Never Said It.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—It is semi-officially stated that the rumors that Spain accepts the good offices of the United States to terminate the war in Cuba is entirely without foundation.

Ideal Day at Canton.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Ideal Christmas weather prevailed in Canton. President-elect McKinley and his household made the most of the opportunities offered. No thought was given to work or business during the day. Private Secretary Boyle joined his wife and daughter in Columbus. Hon. Joseph P. Smith went to his home in Urbana and others of the official household went to their homes.

The greater part of the morning Major and Mrs. McKinley spent in driving about in a double-seated cutter, having with them on their little jaunts the various members of the family at the old homestead, where Mother McKinley and her daughter, Miss Helen reside.

At this modest little home the President-elect ate his Christmas turkey. It is many a year since he ate Christmas turkey at any other place. No matter what has been his official position, however arduous his duties, he always makes it a point to be at his mother's home as he goes on Christmas days, as well as on the family anniversary days, which are nearly always celebrated by the most informal of family reunions. Yesterday's gathering was a strictly family affair.

The dinner was served at the old fashioned hour at noon, and digested while the family sat around the open fire in the sitting room.

The evening was spent at the major's home, with the guests at the dinner party and a few close friends, who dropped in informally. Several young people with musical accomplishments were in the party, and sang and played the favorite selections of Mrs. McKinley.

There were a few social callers during the day, but they were not numerous, and there were none from out of the city, whose mission was of public significance. The season's greeting came by letter and by wire to Major and Mrs. McKinley from their friends in all parts of the country, and there were also a number of pretty mementos sent with the well wishes of friends and admirers.

Among the distinguished visitors today were Colonel Fred D. Grant and family who reached the city from New York on route to Chicago, where they expect to pass Christmas with friends. A. T. Wimberly of Louisiana was also a caller Thursday morning. Mr. Wimberly is prominent in the Louisiana political field. Major and Mrs. McKinley took dinner Christmas with Mother McKinley. This has been the custom for years.

Weather Probabilities.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Generally fair tonight and Sunday, slight changes of temperature; variable winds.

Daniel James, Thomas Hinds and John Swift have been convicted at Tuscola, of robbing the home of George Kuhl and committing the family with clubs.

Mrs. Guy Beatty of Delavan, was badly burned, her clothes accidentally taking fire from a gasoline stove.

MORE STREET CAR TROUBLE.

The Discharge of Men Engaged in the Strike Has Caused Great Excitement.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The examination of the list of employees dropped by the West End Street railway management as a result of Thursday's strike shows that President Young and the remaining eight members of the conference committee who promised to delay the strike and whose action in so doing caused the indignation among the men which resulted in the strike are among those who are discharged. When this fact became known this morning a wave of excitement equal to that which precipitated the strike swept over the employees. It is feared that further trouble may result.

A special meeting of the conductors' and motormen's unions is being held this afternoon to decide what shall be done in the matter of the discharge of the committee men. The indignation is great among the employees. There are promises of united support in case a tie up is ordered.

A CHRISTMAS SHOOTING.

Engineer Milo Bennett, of Champaign, Holds Arrest.

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 26.—The patrol wagon was called to a family quarrel here Christmas forenoon, and Illinois Central Engineer Milo Bennett, called also "Wilson," resisted arrest and shot Officer Brownell. A heavy bunch of keys in the latter's pocket prevented a bad wound in the right groin. The revolver was a .32-calibre Smith & Wesson, and was gotten away from Bennett only after a desperate struggle. He had been drinking. When first approached, Wilson drew his gun and threatened to kill the officer if he attempted to arrest him. Brownell talked to the man and waited till he put up his gun before laying hands on him. Wilson has the reputation of being a quiet man ordinarily. He is in jail.

GREAT LAWSUIT IN NEBRASKA.

Property Worth Thousands Involved in the Chadron Case.

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 26.—One of the most important lawsuits ever held in western Nebraska is now before the court at Chadron. There are lands valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, canals, reservoirs, grist mills, etc., all involved, the question being the use of the waters of White River for irrigation purposes. The legal talent employed represents men eminent in their profession. This is among the most important trials ever recorded in this state. The questions are upon the appropriation of water for irrigation, domestic and manufacturing purposes under the laws of 1889 and 1895.

Sent a Bullet Into His Heart.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 26.—In a shooting scrape at the Southern Cross mine, in Deer Lodge county, D. A. Riley, the well known mining man, was shot through the heart and instantly killed and John McIntyre, his slayer, also received a bullet in his right hand. McIntyre immediately after the shooting went to Anaconda and gave himself up to the authorities and had his wound dressed. A bullet had entered at the knuckle of the little finger and was extracted. He refused to say anything after being locked up, except that he shot in self-defense, and would prove it when the proper time came.

Ex-Minister Phelps Endorses Olney.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 26.—Hon. B. J. Phelps, ex-minister to Great Britain says in regard to the proposed recognition of Cuban independence: "I have no doubt that Secretary Olney is entirely correct. What governments shall be recognized in the country where an attempt at revolution is in progress, certainly is for the executive to determine and not congress." Phelps went on to say that no organized government, not even an abiding place for one, exists in Cuba. It is merely a guerrilla war which is in progress so far as the rebels are concerned. Interference by this government would be utterly unjustifiable and a violation of international law, and be fatal to the return of business prosperity in this country.

The Tax Rate is \$7.25 on the \$100.

Taxpayers time is not far distant. The rate this year on the \$100 assessed valuation of all property in the city of Decatur is \$7.35 and four-tenths which is about 10 cents less on the hundred than was the rate last tax paying time. Now if you know how much you were assessed you can figure out just what you will have to pay for the privilege of citizenship.

May Be a Change.

There is some question about W. A. Truax continuing in the hotel business at the Arcade. His lease expired in October and he is considering the proposition to renew for a period of five years. Mr. Wait, the owner of the property, has advertised to lease the hotel section of the block for five years. A decision as to Mr. Truax will probably be reached by Jan. 1.

Prof. Grist, who has charge of the blind asylum at Jacksonville, is about to move to California.

A RISK FOR MONEY.

The Senator-Elect Proposes to Visit Cuba to Investigate Conditions Himself.

STATE DEPT. REFUSES INFORMATION.

Gomez Captures Another Town—Spain Sends Reinforcements to Matanzas—Delgado Said to be Safe.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, whose term in the house does not expire until March 4, and who is one of the Democratic members of the house foreign affairs committee, has determined to visit Cuba and learn for himself the true situation of affairs in the island.

According to a letter received from him yesterday by one of his personal friends, he will leave Tampa next Saturday morning for Havana, and calculates to remain a week or ten days in Cuba. Colonel Money has provided himself with all necessary letters and passports. It is his purpose to seek an audience with Captain General Weyler as soon as possible after arriving at Havana. Colonel Money proposes to request the captain general to provide him with an escort and a flag of truce, so that he can go into the heart of the territory occupied by the insurgents, with a view of finding out what is going on. Colonel Money says he is determined to make as lengthy a journey into the interior of Cuba as his time will permit, and it is understood that he will endeavor to communicate with the insurgents whether Captain General Weyler grants him permission or not. Colonel Money realizes that it will be a risky thing for him to proceed on his own account if a permit is refused him. However, he is so anxious to have trustworthy information that he will take the chances, even if he finds himself later locked up in prison. It is his intention to state frankly to the captain general that he visits the island because it is impossible to procure from President Cleveland or Secretary Olney any official information regarding the condition of affairs in Cuba, and, as a member of congress and of the house committee on foreign affairs, he wishes to know what he is doing before he casts his vote for or against any one of the several resolutions pending.

Colonel Money was an officer in the confederate army during the war under General Forrest, and his four years' service in the field whetted his interest in military operations. He thinks that his visit will at least enable him to learn more than he could by depending on the state department for information.

Colonel Money's son last night verified the story of his father's proposed trip.

CAPTURED BY GOMEZ.

Insurgent General Takes Another Town—Mobilizing Spanish Forces.

Havana, Dec. 26.—Advices state that Gomez's advance guard has captured the town of Las Posas, in Santa Clara province, taking the entire garrison and all their stores.

A battalion of fresh troops was sent to Matanzas this morning from Havana to be forwarded to the front. Great exertions are being made to get a strong force together to oppose General Gomez, and three lines are being formed to get the Cubans entangled between them and crushed.

It is said that General Rivera, who is in command of the army of Macao, has sent a formal warning to General Weyler. General Rivera notified the Spanish captain general that if he persists in his threats to kill peaceful found in the country the Cubans will make reprisals on all Spaniards whom they may capture.

General Weyler is affecting to disregard the warning. Those near him, however, say that he will not dare to carry out his ideas as ruthlessly as he is intended. His guerrillas still have full authority to capture or kill peaceful in the country, and to force their families into the garrisoned towns. As the troops in such places have little extra food and the residents none to spare, this order lays a great hardship on the poor country folk. Hundreds will soon be starving.

General Rivera is moving out of his intrenchments. All indications point to an important engagement. General Weyler has visited various points in the trocha and San Cristobal. He is always accompanied by a large force.

ENRIQUE DELGADO.

State Department Notified of the Correspondent's Safety in Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Enrique Delgado has not been executed by the Spanish

authorities in Cuba, and he will be treated with all of the leniency that conditions under which he was arrested warrant.

This news is the first result of the inquiry the state department has made into Delgado's case at the instance of the New York Mail and Express, which has employed him as correspondent. The news is very gratifying to Delgado's friends, who feared that he might have been summarily executed. He is still under arrest, and while it is probable that he must remain in jail for some time while his case is under investigation, it is not believed here that he will be severely punished.

SPECIAL.

More About the Great Cyclone Predicted for Dec. 28th.

The greatest inland storm in Illinois, if not on earth, will be given at the Grand opera house next Monday, evening. If you want to hear the old plantation melodies sung in the old style, "before de' war," come and have an evening of high comedy and high jollity where the most refined may be entertained; the lovers of fun and reporter may have their wits sharpened and see the Christmas holidays end in a royal gift to the Anna B. Millikin Home, where the aged and the helpless youth are cared for by a generous people.

These "Hamlets" are also "Hicets," and strike from the shoulder making the foibles and fancies of their friends their target. Their pleasant jokes and witty sallies will add spice to this evening's entertainment, where the brains, culture and talent of the Sangamon will blossom into "full beauty." Particular notice is asked for the Sunday's advertisement.

New Ticket Pattern.

The Illinois Central railroad has adopted a new system of dating tickets which goes into effect the first of the year. The tickets have always been dated by stamping them on the back but it has been found that the ink is sometimes rubbed out and the date changed. By the new method it will be impossible to use an old ticket. A machine similar to those used in banks to perforate checks will be used by the railroad. The month is not given but each day is numbered up to 365. When the date is one of but two figures a star is put in front so that another figure cannot be supplied. The tickets being perforated it is impossible to change them. The machines are being put in all offices where coupon tickets are sold.

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Bryan's speeches are worth measured in
dollars on a gold basis.

During the year 1872 twins and 27 trip-
lets were born in New England in spite of
the fact that Grover Cleveland offered
New England free "raw materials" and
Bryan offered it free silver at the ratio of
16 to 1.

Comptroller Kekels has made an excel-
lent record during the present administra-
tion but then he has had splendid oppor-
tunities as a Democratic administration
means disaster to banks and business.
Sheriffs have also fared well in the last
three years.

Bryan know precisely what capital
should do where it employs labor. As he
is about to become a capitalist by lectur-
ing at the rate of \$3000 per lecture the
country has a right to expect him as a re-
former to put his money where it will em-
ploy labor and demonstrate just how the
employer should act to do the fair thing.
If he don't use his money to employ labor
then he must be put down as a fraud and
a blatherkite.

Mortgage indebtedness is not always an
evidence of adversity but on the
contrary as a rule is evidence
of industrial enterprise. The state
of Pennsylvania with only one quar-
ter of the population owes more on mort-
gages than the entire south but it has
more industrial enterprise than the entire
south, while the expense of living is far
greater. The people of Illinois owe more
than the entire fifteen southern states
while it has only one-fifth the population.

Bryan and His Lecture Syndicate.

The Chicago Chronicle: It is certain
that all the people of the United States
have a kindly feeling for W. J. Bryan,
the brilliant young man who was defeat-
ed as a candidate for president. While
his doctrines were highly objectionable
his amiability, the generally courteous
terms in which he spoke of his opponents
and his remarkable powers of eloquence
gave him a sort of a warm place in the
popular heart.

But the story of his lecture contracts is
averting popular sympathy. Soon after
his defeat he was offered half the amount
of the presidential salary to become the
attorney of a great mercantile firm. This
offer he rejected. It was afterward an-
nounced that he had made a contract with
a lecture syndicate for 100 lectures or
more and would write a book.

The terms of his lecture contract have
recently transpired. He is to receive
\$1000 a night. But the syndicate by
which he is employed demands a guaran-
tee in each place where he is to lecture,
the smallest amount being \$3000. A
Grand Army of the Republic post in Al-
bany, N. Y., desired to make a contract
for a lecture, the proceeds being devoted
to charity for the relief of needy old sol-
diers.

The Bryan lecture syndicate gave the
terms to the Grand Army veterans. A
lecture from Bryan would be delivered on
condition that the syndicate received 75
per cent of the gross receipts, but \$3500
must be guaranteed. That was the mini-
mum sum that the lecture syndicate
would receive as its 75 per cent of the
proceeds. If the proceeds amounted to
more than that sum the syndicate would
have 75 per cent of the entire sum. The
veterans would not find a great balance.

An application was made by a ladies'
patriotic or charitable association at Des
Moines for one of Bryan's lectures. The
ladies were required to guarantee \$3000 on
terms similar to those exacted from the
Albany Grand Army of the Republic.
Mr. Bryan opens his lecture tour
this week in a southern city. It is a dur-
ing experiment at the prices demanded
from the places where he will occupy the
lecture stage.

But it is a melancholy illustration of
human weakness that Mr. Bryan's elo-
quent campaign denunciation of syndi-
cate business methods should be followed
by a syndicate employment on the propo-
sition of \$3000 a lecture, of which
he gets but \$1000.

The public had a right to demand of
Mr. Bryan something in the way of con-
sistency. But at least he ought to have
required a fairer "div" from the syndi-
cate by which he is employed.

The Three Friends.

If the story told me to the experience of
the Three Friends in its last expedition is
true the real significance of the United
States playing policeman for Spain will
be made clear. When the three friends
left the Florida coast she was suspected of
going on a filibustering mission and the
United States cruiser Newark attempted to
veritate her but failed. The story is
that her mission was to land arms and
ammunition for the Cubans under Gomez
on the southern coast of Cuba at the

mouth of the San Juan river, supposed to
be the most hazardous point to attempt a
landing on a mission of that kind. It
was here that several other expeditions of
the kind came to grief. The Three
Friends had Hotchkiss guns and sharp
shooters aboard to defend her if necessary.
After running the gauntlet of Spanish
men of war and cruisers who came near
the landing point where she was attacked
by a Spanish coaster when she made for
the open sea. The coaster followed and
kept firing at her. Tiring of this proceed-
ing Captain Lewis ordered the ship's men
to open on the coaster and the ship was
turned around facing its pursuer and
opened upon it with Hotchkiss guns and
at close range with the sharp shooters.
The attack paralyzed the Spaniards and
the craft sailed away from the filibuster
firing rockets for assistance. No sooner
had this been done than a new foe ap-
peared in the shape of a large Spanish cruiser
double the size of the Three Friends.
It opened fire on the Three Friends
and the latter replied with the Hotchkiss
guns with marked effect striking the cru-
iser amid ship, disabling her. The Three
Friends then put into the mouth of the
river where she was met by Gomez's men
who in a sharp encounter drove away a
Spanish force.

She reached Florida Wednesday and the
Spanish police, United States mar-
shals, paid out of the people's treasury
took possession of the Three Friends. If
the facts as related prove true then the
fact that an American vessel fired upon
two armed Spanish vessels and whipped
both of them will complicate matters.
Will the present administration dare to
punish the officers of the Three Friends
under the rules of international law as
construed by Mr. Olney for this magnifi-
cent demonstration of American courage
in a holy mission? Should the attempt
be made there will be such a wave of in-
dignation sweep over this country as will
overwhelm Olney and Cleveland and
other force them to change their policy or
go out of office under the burning con-
tempt of the people whom they should
have served.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be
pleased to learn that there is at least
one dreaded disease that science has
been able to cure in all its stages, and
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the only positive cure known to the
medical fraternity. Catarrh being a
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stitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh
Cure is taken internally, acting directly
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foundation of the disease, and giving
the patient strength by building up the
constitution and assisting nature in do-
ing its work. The proprietors have so
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The tramps and vagrants have con-
structed cave dwellings in the sides of the
ravines at the upper end of the village of
Averyville. One of the caves has its sides
and roof supported with railroad ties and
the floor neatly laid with dressed lumber.
Enough brick has been taken from an
adjacent brick yard to build a chimney
which thrusts its head up through the
roof and protruded through an excavation
made to the surface.

"Excuse me," observed the nun in
apologies, "but I am a surgeon, and
that is not where the liver is." "Never
you mind where the liver is," retorted
the other. "If it was in his big toe or
left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers
would reach it and shake it for him. On
that you can bet your girdle." A. J.
Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Captain John Smith, the old time col-
ored watchman and policeman at the Illi-
nois Glass company's plant at Alton was
struck by a Bluff Line train and was so
badly injured that he died two hours af-
terward. Captain Smith was one of Al-
ton's oldest and best known colored citi-
zens.

For Pneumonia
Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich.,
says: "I have used Foley's Honey and
Tar in three very severe cases of pneu-
monia the past month, with good re-
sults." Neider Drug and Supply Co.
and N. L. Krone.

Martin Kingman of Peoria, is to give
his associates a banquet at the National
hotel in that city on New Year's day in
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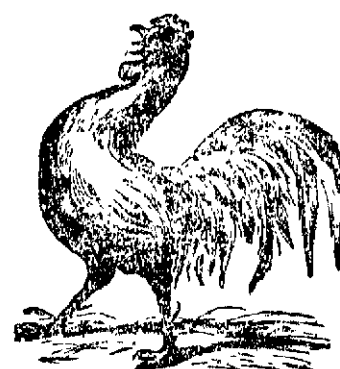
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Golden Rio Coffee, lb.....	25c	6 " Tar ".....	25c
10c Blueing.....	5c	Clothespins, per doz.....	1c
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His guess was 29 7-10. The temperature was 29 1/2, taken by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, who takes the temperature for the Government Weather Bureau.

J. H. Michaels was second, his guess being 29 1/2.

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The Sunday school children had their treats at the churches.

Fine cigars for the holidays, \$1 per box at West's drug store.

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The annual meeting of members of section 184, endowment rank, at 125 South Water street, will be held tonight.

Mama eats a Cascares, baby gets the benefit. Cascares make mother's milk mildly purgative.

There will be an entire change of program tonight at the Flint hypnotic-magnifying performance at the Grand.

Little Diana cigar; business man's ideal smoky; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodot's News House.—14-dtf

On Christmas day John Egler spent about \$15 in giving each of his employees a new necktie and a half dozen cigars.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascares will cure. Eat them like candy.

There was a big take of reserved seats this morning for the lady minstrel performance to be given at the Grand Monday night.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. —25-dtf

Neuma Hill left for Litchfield, Conn., with a load of horses to be delivered to Seth Pratt.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascares candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Cigars by the box for Christmas and New Years at West's drug store.

The next meeting of the Knights of Pythias dedicating team for practice will be held on Wednesday evening at K. P. hall.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious method of "breaking colds" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Illinois now stands second in the Masonic membership in the United States. At the last session of the grand lodge held recently in Chicago there were over 1000 representatives from different lodges in the state present. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$95,078 88 in hand.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

These are the newly elected officers of the Masonic lodge at Harriestown: R. J. Barry, W. M.; C. Gossett, S. W.; D. B. Batchelder, J. W.; R. O. Vangilder, secretary; P. P. Towne, treasurer; C. B. Glasgow, S. D.; J. L. Connolly, J. D.; J. Smith, S. S.; J. P. Mulheide, J. S.; W. M. Mulheide, chaplain; G. W. Tandy, Tyler.

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Two young men got tangled up with empty beer kegs on Lincoln Square last evening and Officer Koschinski placed them under arrest. The prisoners had to take a ride in the patrol wagon. They made a strong plea for liberty and on giving bond to appear at headquarters Monday afternoon at three o'clock they were permitted to depart. The young men are not usually troublemakers, but they erred in mixing their drinks on Christmas.

Older! Older! Older!

Sweet older made of sound apples for sale, will deliver on short notice. E. W. Allen, Harriestown, Ill.—21-dtf

Your Boy Won't Live a Month. So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following typhoid malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. At West's drug store.

PADON WON THE PEACOCK.

Result of the Maienthal Weather Guessing Contest—11,874 Predictions.

Some weeks ago the North Main street clothiers, Maienthal & Sons, started a weather guessing contest for Christmas Day. The proposition was to give \$5 worth of clothing and the beautiful peacock or the Bird of Paradise displayed daily in the show window to the party who would come nearest to guessing the state of the temperature as it stood at noon on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Nobody was barred. The contest was open to everybody.

The Winner.

C. B. Padon of 904 North College street, is the winner. On Dec. 17, he filed his guess. It was 29, 7-10, and that was the best guess. Mr. Padon will take the peacock to his home, which is at the corner of King and College streets, and he will receive clothing from the store to the value of five dollars.

The temperature was taken by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, the local observer of the government weather bureau, as this was supposed to be the most correct of any in town. The thermometer at 12 o'clock registered 29 1/2 degrees.

The number of guesses received was 11,874 and out of the entire lot not one hit the exact temperature.

The second best guess was that of J. H. Michaels of 118 West William street, his being 29 1/4. There was one guess of 29 1/2, eight of 29 3/4, twenty-nine guessed 29 and ten guessed 30.

The highest guess was that of Miss Capitola Goodman, 98 above, the lowest by a man in Argenta, who guessed 50 below.

The guessers were not limited to Decatur alone and a number were received from people at a distance. Miss K. L. Loughon of Denver, Col., sent in a guess and came very near to it, her's being 29 degrees above.

DEDICATION NIGHT.

Date for the Ceremony at the K. P. Castle Hall is January 20.

At the recent meeting of Cour de Loon lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, it was voted to dedicate the new castle hall in Powers' new block on Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, on which occasion a team will observe the ceremonies and there will be an address by Col. John D. Benedict of Danville, grand chancellor of Illinois.

It will be a red letter night in Pythian history and as a member of special invitations will be issued the beautiful hall will be crowded. All Knights of Pythias in Decatur and those of the lodges in Macon county, with their families are extended a general invitation to be present. Besides the dedicatory ceremonies there will be instrumental and vocal music.

Remember the date, Wednesday evening, Jan. 20.

He Rode the Goat.

At the regular meeting of Regene lodge, No. 783, I. O. G. T. in the I. O. P. hall Thursday evening, Dec. 24, Mr. T. C. Buxton of Casner rode the goat and pronounced it a good ride. The members were entertained then with a debate. Resolved, that General George Washington should receive more honors of the American people, than Marquis De Lafayette of France. For affirmative Mr. Horace Paxton of Decatur, and for the negative, Mr. T. C. Buxton of Casner. It was decided in favor of the negative. Mr. Buxton has the record of the best young historian in Macon county and perhaps the state.

The Correct List.

Below is a correct list of the newly elected officers of the Order of United American Mechanics:

Councillor—E. L. Hall.
V. V.—J. M. Stewart.
Recording Secretary—C. S. Price.
Financial Secretary—S. D. Sheppard.
Examiner—W. A. Showers.
Inducter—L. W. McJelland.
I. P.—Jesse W. Peters.
O. P.—H. E. Moore.
Trustees—J. W. Smith, M. Dawson and A. Deffenbaugh.

Hickory-Nut Taffy.

One and a half pounds of coffee A sugar, just enough molasses to color, and one fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Cook to "crack" and pour into greased pans. When the candy has cooled somewhat throw over it one pound of chopped hickory nuts, and fold the edges of it over the nuts. Continue this folding until the nuts are well mixed into the candy. Put on a greased marble slab and roll very thin with a greased rolling-pin. Mark into squares and break up when cold. Walnut taffy may be made the same way, substituting English walnuts for hickory nuts. Brazil-nut taffy, also, omitting the molasses.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Pumpkin Pies Without Eggs.

For one pie take three heaping tablespoonfuls sifted squash or pumpkin, one heaping tablespoonful flour, one and one-half pint rich milk. Mix squash or pumpkin smooth with flour; add milk. Sweeten to taste, add a tiny pinch of salt, flavor with nutmeg. Pour into a deep pie plate lined with good pie crust and bake in a slow oven.—Philadelphia Press.

Cut Glass.

We are going to sell what cut glass we have left at prices that will please you. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

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Sunday School Day.

In the Cumberland Presbyterian church tomorrow will be observed as Sunday school day. Officers and teachers for the ensuing year will be publicly installed. At 10:45 the pastor will give a lecture on the model Sunday school. Parents are asked to attend.

Christmas Day Wedding.

Miss Lillie Bergen and Louis N. Naudman were married at 7:30 p. m., Dec. 25, at the bride's home, North Main street. Rev. Dr. W. F. Gilmore of Grace M. E. church, performed the ceremony. The groom is in the employ of the Wabash Railroad company. He is a machinist. The couple will reside at 958 North Main street.

Death of E. P. Bishop's Mother.

E. P. Bishop's mother died on Friday, Dec. 25, at her home in Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. Death was caused by heart disease. She has been sick for about three weeks. Mrs. E. P. Bishop has been at Cincinnati several days. Mr. Bishop got a message Thursday that his mother was much worse and left that night for Cincinnati. Word came yesterday that his mother died before his arrival.

Hotel Dinners at the Jail.

Joe Myers, who is to have another trial in the circuit court under the indictment for the murder of August Hartman, and Bob Achey, who is serving time in the county jail for disturbing religious services at the Salvation Army barracks, had hotel dinner at the jail on Christmas. The meals were sent to them from the Eagle hotel of which Levi Achey, father of Bob, is proprietor. It was at the Achey place that Myers got acquainted with Hartman, and the prosecution claim that on the day that Hartman disappeared he and Myers left the hotel office together to go to the country in search of employment.

Inspection Awards.

The special prizes awarded as the result of the official track inspection held on the Wabash in November were received by the winner on Friday, Christmas day. On the middle of Illinois division the winners were as follows: Sixth district, first prize, J. R. Rickotts, Campus; second prize, George McKewen, Saunemin; seventh district, first, P. J. Walsh, Lodge; second, James Ryan, Mansfield. Ninth and Tenth district, first, Thomas Dally, Corro Gordo; second, Joseph Gust, Decatur. Eleventh and Twelfth, first, J. W. Guinman, Chapin; second, J. M. Griffith, Kinderhook. Thirteenth district, first, W. Warranburg, Mitchell; second, M. Hays, Morrisaville.

A Good-Bye Banquet.

A few days ago there was a good bye banquet at the Macon high school building in honor of Buford, Ernest and Bertha Edmondson, who will on depart for their new home in Huntsville, Ala. During the evening refreshments were served in two courses, after which the toast mistress, Miss Carrie Alexander, gave a toast on, "The Occasion," and proposed a number of toasts, which were responded to as follows: Miss Sue Tait on, "Our Guests," Arthur Lawley on "The Class of '98," Miss Maude Cook on "Possibilities," Miss Blanche Cavet on "The Class of '99," Miss Ethel Combs on "The Alumni," Buford Edmondson on "Memories." Rev. Mr. Roberts then made a short talk, which was very interesting, after which Misses Edna and Emma Boren sang a duet, "Slumber Song." Those present had a very pleasant time and departing wished Mr. Edmondson a pleasant home in the south.

The Flirt at the Grand.

That charming little lady hypnotist, Miss Marina Flint, of the Flint fun makers, held the boards at Powers yesterday matinee and night to the most delighted audience of the season. Miss Flint now fully gives three-fourths of the hypnotic part of the program, her father, Dr. Flint's time being occupied by the management of his unique entertainers and the change is very acceptable to the audience. It judgment can be passed from the frequent and hearty applause which greeted each of her efforts. That sweet singer, Ada St. Claire accompanies them and is a decided attraction to the show, her singing each evening being heartily enjoyed by the audience. Still further strengthening this show the doctor has the moving picture machine, the magicloope, with him and it is a fitting close to one of the best program ever presented on our local stage. An entire change of program is promised for tonight, their closing show.

At the Grist Home.

There was a Christmas dinner party at the A. T. Grist home given by Miss Bessie Grist and her young lady friends, the affair closing with games and dancing and music. Those present were Misses Rotha Roark, Rose Robling, Grace M. Farnier, Dora Kramer, Cora Dwyer and C. J. and E. C. Glover, Charles Roifston, Field, Frank Meredith, Bruce Manning, Henry Wallace and James Elgin.

Open House Jan. 1.

Bay Leaf Camp No. 29, Royal Neighbors of America, will keep open house on New Year's afternoon; hours from 2 until 8 o'clock. All neighbors and their friends and their friends invited at K. of P. hall. opera house block.

Lamp.

We will make some prices on lamps that will induce you to buy if you need one. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

MAY CUT THE RATES.

Probable Action to be Taken by the Railroad Commission at Springfield

The meeting of the Illinois railroad and warehouse commission to be held at Springfield on Jan. 5th will, it is asserted, probably be an unusually important one, inasmuch as a petition for a reduction in passenger rates to 2 cents per mile will likely be presented. It is also possible that a question as to freight rates will be raised.

Chairman Cantrell was asked if there was anything new in reference to the movement for a reduction of passenger rates and whether action was likely to be taken by the commission at its January meeting. He replied that new matter had developed, and the question would undoubtedly be taken up at the coming meeting.

The special committee of lawyers, merchants and shippers who waited upon him some months ago had placed its petition in proper shape, and it was now ready to be presented to the commission. Not only that, but the committee had been encouraged by strong resolutions passed unanimously by the state senate at its annual meeting some weeks ago, and the matter was in such a shape that the commission simply could not afford to ignore it.

In view of these facts, the chairman held there was no doubt that a strong case would be made against the present 3-cent-a-mile passenger rate. Other petitions and arguments had been made that would surely receive an early hearing from the commission.

It was within the province of the present commission to take notice of all matters that might be brought properly before it, and just because the present commission would probably be dissolved by the incoming administration. Mr. Cantrell said it was no sign that it had concluded to quit business and leave no matters and matters now on hand for a new commission to deal with. He declared it was the intention of the present commission to do business at the old stand up to the very minute they turned the office over to their Republican successors. The chairman was told that railroad men generally looked upon the present rumor of reducing rates as farcical and of a "sandhogging" nature on the part of the commission. This warned the big chairman up, and he replied that if they dared to believe that they had a perfect right to, but if they knew which side their bread was buttered on they would not hold to that theory any longer than the commission could get together next month. He concluded by stating that there "may be some surprises for those very wise people before the present railroad and warehouse commission retires from business."

GUS JORDAN IN TROUBLE

Arrested at the Salvation Army Barracks Christmas Night.

There was a serious disturbance at the Salvation Army barracks Christmas night. The free dinner spread for 100 poor children of the city. Gus Jordan appears to have been the cause of the racket. He interfered with a lady who was getting ready to go home, and the police were called. Officer Koschinski responded and he gave Jordan a ride to the police station in the patrol wagon.

This morning Mrs. Jordan, sister-in-law of the prisoner, appeared at headquarters and made formal complaint against the prisoner. He will stand trial in court.

Jordan is the husband of the Tuscola woman who was sent to the Chester penitentiary for bigamy. After a short residence in Decatur the woman Jordan and the relatives of the first husband came here and had her indicted. There is an effort being made now to secure a pardon for the woman, who is said to have been ignorant of the law and is now quite sick in the penitentiary.

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Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Talbott, Harriestown, on Dec. 24, a son, their first child.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Fouik, 942 North Union street, Dec. 25, a son.

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Corner of North Water and Carro Gordo streets. J. Renaud, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Our Allotted Time." Evening, "The Numbering of Our Days." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. W. L. Hull, supt. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

COMMUNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. A. W. Hawkins, pastor. Services in W. C. T. U. hall. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Model Sunday School." Evening, "Satisfied or Pining With the Old Year." Endeavor service at 6:30 p. m.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH.
On Spring Avenue. Rev. I. T. Pearson, pastor in charge. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Consecration." Evening, "Our Vow to God." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young People's Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH.
Church street, between Eldorado and North. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; C. W. Lewman, supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Geo. F. Hall. Morning subject, "The Greatness of Little Things." Evening, "Journeying Heavenward: Fourth Step." Short business meeting at close of forenoon service, and a number of laymen at night. Revival services throughout the week.

RIVERSIDE MISSION SCHOOL at 12:30 p. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
Rev. J. P. Howe, pastor. Class meeting at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning theme, "The Best New Year's Gift." Evening theme, "Time to Turn a New Leaf." Endeavor service at 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public and to all not worshipping elsewhere.

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. Frank N. Alkin, rector. Holy Communion at 7 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer, Litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Evensong and sermon at 7:30 p. m. The Christmas music will be repeated at the morning service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Fenderson, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, supt. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning; subject, "Behold the Man." In the evening Christmas Song service by choir and supplemental chorus.

COLLEGE STREET CHURCH.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. W. D. Wells, supt. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. P. C. Laughlin, supt.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Corner North Water and East North streets. Rev. J. R. McGregor, pastor, residence, 430 N. College street. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Intermediate Endeavor Sunday evening at 6:30. Senior C. E. Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Mid-week Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

SERVICES AT EAST PARK CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; J. Edward Stanton, superintendent. Those in the vicinity of the chapel are cordially invited.

ALL ANGELS' CHURCH.
East Eldorado street, W. Bedford Jones, rector. Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 6:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. The Christmas music will be repeated at the morning service.

CHRISTIAN UNION MISSION.
Services at C. T. U. hall. Gospel meeting at 9:30 p. m. W. A. Cash, leader. Strangers and churchmen invited to cooperate. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. W. F. Beards, supt. You are cordially invited to come and touch the hem of God's word.

ST. PETER'S CHAPEL, C. M. E. CHURCH.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Wm. Price, supt. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Fruit of God's Favor." Evening, "The Subjects of Jesus' Grace." Exhortation to "Come Unto the Lord." Rev. P. C. Cooper, pastor.

SPIRITUAL ALIVE SOCIETY.
Spiritualist services will be held at 539 North Jackson street at 7:30 p. m. All interested in spiritual truth are cordially invited.

CHURCH M. E. CHURCH.
Dr. W. F. Gilman, D. D., pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning text: "Glad, Praise and Joy." Evening, "If happy they may seek after Him and find Him." Special Christmas Music morning and evening solo, quart, quartet and anthem singing. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Monday evening.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner of North Main and William streets. Rev. Frank C. Oberly, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Rev. N. D. Myers, supt. Regular services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Angel's Proclamation." A cordial welcome extended to all to worship with the congregation.

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Fashion is mending her ways in the direction of sense and sincerity in lines of social intercourse. The woman who designates upon her visiting card an "at home" day must always, whatever temptation may arise to be elsewhere, be tastefully gowned and ready to receive her friends at the appointed time. The hostess who does not restrict the visits of acquaintances to any day may still retain their good will and her own self-respect. She is no longer "not at home," but more tentatively "regrets that she is engaged," by this message protecting her own conscience and that of her servant as well. The well-bred visitor will accept this graciously, knowing from experience how impossible it often proves under existing circumstances to set aside pressing duties for the chance caller. Formal visiting is now limited to afternoon hours, is less liable to conflict with necessary appointments of daily life. The latest string of hospitality still remains out for close friends, who drop in at all times, according to impulse and convenience.

A fine line of courtesy leads the visitor or not to offer her card to the servant, but to inquire if Mrs. Blank is receiving. If answered in the affirmative, asks if she will see Mrs. S—. If in the negative, then the card is left in evidence of the call. Cards are in a measure falling into disuse, the English method of announcing guests being very generally accepted in the best circles of society—a postcard only left when the lady is out or not receiving. At social functions, aside from the dinner of ceremony, guests are not expected to take leave of the host and hostess when departing, a card left on the hall table covering this point of civility. This method is the outcome of afternoon teas and evening receptions, at which people come and go constantly between the hours prescribed by invitation, keeping the hostess occupied in receiving from first to last. These affairs afford opportunity to entertain twice the number of guests without the discomfort of a crowd when the service in the dining-room is continuous. Perfect independence is granted each hostess in the matter of menu and decorations, light refreshments and a few cut flowers now regarded as true hospitality in the same degree as the more elaborate efforts of the florist and caterer. The woman who "cannot afford to entertain" at the present day is hindered by pride and ignorance of society's ways rather than by a light pocketbook. We have much to thank our sisters across the water for in this matter, so surely but certainly are the charming little functions of foreign life asserting themselves in this country. Table Talk.

NO "WILLIE'S" GAME.

Golf Requires Endurance and Any Novice Will Tell You So.

The idea of golf that is prevalent among most devotees of football, baseball and other rougher sports is that the game is a cross between fiddle-de-winks and croquet—a sort of glorified "nigger baby," with the most amusing feature of "nigger baby" left out. There is one old football man in this city who doesn't think so now, although he did once.

The gentleman in question is an old Harvard football man. He is a great admirer of the manlier athletic games and he held up his nose at golf, as a man naturally would who thought it a game for women and "Willies," but not for men. Recently while on a visit to New York a friend persuaded him to visit the Morristown golf links and finally to take a stick in the game.

Here is what the football man told a reporter of his adventures:

"My friend introduced me to the men who were to be my opponents. All of them had on golf suits and most of them had single eyeglasses in their eyes. I knew that they were 'Willies' the minute I set my eyes on them, and I was mighty cool in consequence, because I don't like 'Willies.' The game was explained to me as consisting in hitting a ball into a couple of dozen small holes with the least number of strokes possible. I made the first hole all right with no more strokes than most of the men playing, and I looked around for the next. It was further off than the first, and the fourth and fifth were still further apart. I began to grow tired, and by the time that the sixth hole was reached I was puffing and blowing like a porpoise. I looked for my companions, and they were strolling after their balls apparently as fresh as when they started. I followed. It was necessary to set my teeth and use all my determination to keep up with them, but I did, and I finally completed the first round.

"No one knows how many strokes I made. Considerably more than have ever been made on these links before, at any rate. All that I could do was to sink down on a rock completely exhausted and endeavor to get my wind. While I was still there wheezing like a rusty pump one of the 'Willies,' whom I didn't despise any more—I was too tired to despise anyone—strolled up to me with a pronounced English accent that would have caused a riot on the Strand, and said:

"I say, old chappy, we're goin' oveh the blasted links again. Wouldn't you like to come along?"

"I told him that I had an important business engagement that would prevent me, much as I would like to do so, and I dragged my weary legs off those links. And if anyone tells you that golf is a 'Willie' game just refer him to me, because I know that it isn't."—Detroit Free Press.

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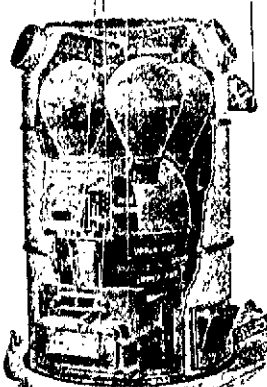
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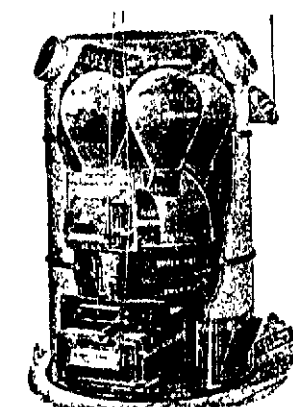
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THREE WIVES WAITING.

This Coon Will Have a Lively Time When He Leaves Jail.

Michael Johnson, says the Chicago Chronicle, is a colored man who for some time past has been enjoying the hospitalities of Superintendent Crawford, of the bridewell. Johnson is known to the police as "The Chicken," and in his own select "levee" set he bears the euphonious pseudonym of "Muddy Mike." Thanksgiving day brought Johnson a dinner that grew in proportions as the numerous spouses of the dusky Lothario visited the institution and left well-filled baskets.

Michael languishes behind bars as a penalty for an uncontrollable penchant



CHICKEN JOHNSON'S WIVES.

for other people's chickens. That he is not forgotten was amply demonstrated by three women on Thanksgiving day. The first woman of chocolate complexion appeared in the office with a large market basket on her arm.

"This whar Mistah Johnson resides, sah?" she asked.

Answered in the affirmative, she announced that she was "Missus Johnson," and that she had brought her liege lord his Thanksgiving dinner.

Before her errand was fairly explained another negress entered the office and asked solicitously if "a gentleman by de name of 'Muddy Mike' gone home dis yere 'stablishment wid his presence.

"Use his wife," she continued, "and I 'lowed I fetch him a snack fo' 'Thanksgibben day."

The "wife" of "Mistah Johnson" glared in mute astonishment and rage at the spouse of "Muddy Mike." Trouble was imminent.

At this juncture a third woman of saffron hue dawned upon the horizon.

"Is dat yere Chicken Johnson a home, sah? Yes? Well, here's his dinner, and you all jest tell him his wife bring it, and dat she's a waitin' and a lubben heart till he cums back ag'in."

Wife No. 1 and No. 2 gasped in astonishment. Then there was trouble. It required the united efforts of the office staff to restore peace and rid the premises of the three belligerent women. Johnson got his three Thanksgiving dinners and also the news of his marital complications.

"Dis coon's bound to hab trouble mighty soon," he sighed. "I wish I'd been sent up fur life."

CAUGHT BY A MUSSEL.

Ed Meets the Fate of Some Predaceous Ducks and Geese.

A wharfman made a curious find at Bath Beach, N. Y., the other afternoon. He was picking up shells when he found a stranded eel waggling its tail feebly. On examining it he found that it had endeavored to pick a living mussel out of its shell and had got its head fastened between the shells. The eel and mussel are now preserved in alcohol.

Mussels and clams are often the cause of the death of birds like gulls and ducks, which feed on or about clams. A duck, walking about, puts its foot into the open shell unexpectedly, and thereupon the shell shuts up as



GOT ITS HEAD FASTENED.

tight as the foot will allow. High tide drowns the bird. Gulls try to pick clams out of their shells without getting fast. Usually they succeed, but a young bird sometimes makes a mistake and does not kill the clam at a stroke, whereupon its bill is caught fast. The bird flies off across the water, getting weaker and weaker because of its frantic struggles, and dies eventually by drowning, as the clam pulls its head down like a sinker.

Kissing in the Hoosier State.

The Indiana state board of health is investigating the subject of kissing as a possible means of communicating disease. "The secretary of the board is personally in favor of a law against the practice of kissing, but is in doubt as to the possibility of enforcing it." "Although a most dangerous practice," he says, "there seems to be an inherent tendency to indulge in it, and we have little hope of ever being able to do away with it. I may have to recommend a disinfectant. All that would be necessary would be to rinse the teeth with it and rub it well on the lips. That would insure devotees against the dangers resulting from occlusion."

STRANGEST TOWN ON EARTH.

Everything Is Turned Topsy-Turvy in an English Salt-Mining District.

Assuredly the most curious town in England, and the most upside-down-looking place, is Northwich. As the stranger walks up one of the streets he wonders whether he is the victim of a disordered imagination or whether an earthquake has been visiting the locality. Here two houses are leaning one against the other, as if for mutual support; there more are leaning from each other, as if in sullen anger; higher up are dwellings sunken in the center or at the ends; the pavement on one side in certain places is higher than the other, while a little farther on it is lower.

In short everything has a general appearance of topsy-turvydom in this town of what are described as "drunken houses." The cause of it all is not far to seek. Northwich, as everyone knows or ought to know, is the center of the salt industry, and it is the drawing of brine and rock salt for the manufacture of this very necessary commodity that is the moving factor in the mischief. On nearly all sides of the town are big salt works, with their engines pumping hundreds of thousands of gallons of brine every week, while the extensive mines of rock salt are being cut into in all directions.

At a depth of some 200 or 300 feet are immense submarine lakes of brine, and as the contents of these are pumped and pumped away the upper crust of earth is correspondingly weakened, and the result in an occasional subsidence. In some of the mines where the salt is blasted and cut away one can travel a mile in certain directions. As the glistening white or deep red rock is cut away great pillars of it, some eight feet square, with a large thickness all along the roof, are left to support the earth above. Sometimes, however, the mine is flooded, the pillars dissolve in the water and the earth falls in, with all on top of it. Luckily, this kind of subsidence generally happens in spots where houses are not numerous, and for this reason no lives have been lost within recent years. One morning a few years ago a horse left in a stable over night was found to be missing, and a hole filled with water occupying the place where the animal should have been. Near Wincham and Marston, suburbs of Northwich, lakes acres in extent are now seen where green fields used to be, and there is a spot where the highway takes the form of a railway embankment. On either side are big ponds where the earth had subsided, and the road goes through like a bridge. This itself is bound to go at some future time, and it is to be hoped that no one will be there at the time the immediate neighborhood.

All these subsidences have a "pulling" effect on the nearest buildings, which are drawn "all ways." Such a state of things is amusing as well as interesting. "This desirable property to let" is the sign one may seek cheek by jowl with one at the beginning of a stile road leading to the town. "This road is dangerous." One has to be aware of such roads at night time in this neighborhood. A part of the path may have sunk 100 feet or so during the preceding hour, and an involuntary drop into the water, which rises as fast as the earth falls, is a rapid way out of this world.

In order to make all buildings last a fairly decent length of time all new erections are built in frames of wood, this style holding the bricks together a longer time than if the building was on the ordinary principles. Even under these conditions, and taking into consideration the fact that in the town it is the subsidences are gradual and give one warning, living must be rather exciting in certain portions of Northwich.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A GREAT HEIRESS.

Daughter of Princess Beatrice to Inherit from Eugenie and Victoria.

The very latest news in woman's realm, is that the only daughter of Princess Beatrice of England and of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg will some day be a great heiress. It has been stated on good authority that the ex-Empress Eugenie by her latest will leaves the greater portion of her fortune to the charming little lady. She is a great favorite of the ex-empress, and is, by the way, a namesake of both Empress Eugenie and of her grandmother, Queen Victoria, being named Victoria Eugenie. Princess Beatrice has for years been the greatest possible favorite of the illustrious Eugenie; in fact, even before the late Prince Imperial and Princess Beatrice were sweethearts. Every woman is familiar with the sad, sweet story of older people deciding that the two were "too young" to get married. Prince Imperial went to Africa, and alas! met his death.

Princess Beatrice and her three young children have been invited to soon enjoy a yachting trip with ex-Empress Eugenie upon her yacht, the Thialie, and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

It is not yet generally known that Queen Victoria has by her latest will left \$7,500,000 to her favorite daughter, Princess Beatrice; also, it is rumored that she bequeathed her Osborne and Balmoral.

The fortunate little "Victoria Eugenie," of course, will come in for her share of this fortune, dividing, of course, with her two brothers, one of whom is younger and the other older than herself.—London Spectator.

The Chance of the Pugilist.

"John," called his wife, "are you putting the baby to sleep?"

The pugilist laughed bitterly in the darkness.

"I've got him against the ropes," he answered, for there was yet hope.—Detroit Tribune.

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Homemade Mince Meat, 3 lbs., 25c
2 gal. buckets Syrup, 50c
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Cranberries, 2 quarts 10c; 4 quarts, 25c

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The fashion of the storeroom is one of those good old customs in danger of becoming obsolete. The less provident, but less laborious, methods of French housekeepers are fast superseding the bountiful but tedious and extravagant ways of the Anglo-Saxon. The grocery store has become the storeroom of a great many families in the city, who are so limited in quarters that it would be impossible for them to maintain any large quantity of stores. The vast majority of people in the great cities buy their potatoes by the peck, and even by the small measure, or two quarts. It is only a householder who can provide a suitable and sufficient storage for a barrel of potatoes and one of apples. Other vegetables and fruit are usually purchased from day to day, as they are needed. Though a much higher price is paid when perishable vegetables and fruits are thus purchased in a small quantity, it should be remembered that there is also no waste from rot or mold. The old proverb, "Great abundance makes great waste," is certainly often verified when servants control the storeroom for food.

On the other hand, the saving in purchasing food by the quantity, where there is a proper place to keep it, is very large. It is often over 50 per cent. of the cost at retail, where the loss from decay or other cause may with care be easily reduced to a minimum. At the beginning of the season potatoes may be readily purchased at one dollar a barrel, or even less, that retail at ten or fifteen a peck. Many similar instances may be given. Every one knows that a properly stored barrel of potatoes will yield very little loss, sometimes none at all.

Dry groceries are usually almost as expensive by the quantity as by the small package, but there is comparatively no danger from loss in storing them if ordinary precautions are exercised. Flour stored in a dry, cool place will keep for several years. The wheat kernel is a pest that occasionally invades the dry grains of the store closet, but he can be readily got rid of if he has not been settled long. Indian meal, hominy and all preparations of Indian corn are liable to become infested with worms, and cannot be stored for any length of time. Even kiln-dried meal finally becomes infested. Sugar coats about the same by barrel as by the pound, and it does not usually pay to store it. Nor does it pay to purchase a large quantity of molasses, unless one lives at a distance from any depot of grocery supplies. It does pay to buy green coffee by the bag, not only because it costs much less, but because the coffee improves in flavor if it is stored in a green state. The best "bonded" coffee of old times was that stored for seven years in a government warehouse, whence its name of "Government Java." It is some trouble to brown and grind the bean at home, but coffee made thus from fine fully-washed and ground beans is incomparable in flavor. Coffee loses aroma and flavor every instant after it is removed from these processes. When it is kept, as it often is after being browned and ground in a receptacle that is not airtight, it becomes a flavorless as common bean, or even of the same quality for it. Tea is considered cheaply purchased by the two-pound packages, but it must be kept in a cool, dark, and dry box, so as to exclude the air and light.

The utility of a storeroom in dry goods largely in these days up in the locality where we live. If one's residence is remote from the town, and there is no suitable room for stores, it pays to buy a great many things by the quantity for the sake of convenience and to avoid the cost of transportation. If, on the contrary, one lives near the market, grocery store, there are a great many things which were always found in the old-time storeroom that it is cheaper and quite as convenient to buy by the small quantity. Once all dried fruits and even canned and preserved fruits are better purchased as they are wanted. Fortunately, few country housekeepers are so extravagant and wasteful as to purchase canned or preserved fruits when they can prepare them at home so much lower cost.

It hardly pays dwellers in large cities to purchase and can or preserve fruit from the market supply. It is not strictly fresh, though it may be sound. It is much more costly than fruit freshly picked, and the risks of its spoiling is much greater.—N. Y. Tribune.

Shoulder of Lamb à la Parisienne.
Have the butcher bone the meat neatly. Prepare a stuffing of four ounces of bread crumbs, two ounces of raw veal, chopped fine, two tablespoonfuls of butter, melted, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, one teaspoonful of onion juice, one-half of a teaspoonful of salt and one-quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper. Mix all together and stuff the meat with it. Roast in a quick oven; into two tablespoonfuls of softened (not melted) butter, mix one tablespoonful each of chopped parsley, shallots, lemon juice and beef extract. Draw the meat when done from the oven, spread it with the prepared sauce and return to the oven just long enough to melt it. Garnish with small, round fried potatoes.—Albany Journal.

Quince Pudding.
Peel, slice and parboil. Then put them into some fresh water and stew like apples. Flavor with nutmeg or lemon, as one prefers, and let it cool. Make a cream sauce of one cupful of sugar, two eggs, one tablespoonful of flour, and one pint of new milk. Prepare and boil to the thickness of cream, then place a layer of quinces in a baking dish, then a layer of toasted bread crumbs, and pour over it the cream sauce. Bits of butter strewn in with the crumbs will make it richer and give it a better flavor. Make a meringue of the whites of two eggs beaten with two spoonfuls of sugar. Spread the frosting on top of the pudding. Put it in the oven and brown lightly.—Ladies' World.

TERRAPIN FARMING.

How the Raising of the Valuable Diamond Back Is Now Being Carried On.

While the demand for terrapin is restricted, being confined to the limited portion of the rich who have epicurean tastes, the cultivation, or farming, as it is called, of this priceless little animal is on the increase. It is doubtful, though, whether this great delicacy of the epicure will be cheapened to any appreciable extent by the multiplicity of the farms, for the choice variety, which cost about five dollars apiece, will always be scarce. Still, if inexperienced persons are attracted to the indiscriminate cultivation of the terrapin by the inducement of large profits, it is possible that in time the common varieties, now worth from \$15 to \$20 a dozen, will thrive to the extinction of the rare "diamond backs."

A typical terrapin farm contains about two or three acres of land and water. It is surrounded by a board fence to prevent the animals from escaping. The interior is divided into lots. There must be sufficient marshy ground provided for the terrapins, which burrow in the mud during cold weather.

The eggs are laid in the sun. The female claws a hole in the sand, hollowing it out in the form of an inverted cone, with the greatest nicety. In this nest she deposits her eggs, usually about a dozen, and then packs the sand down with the hard shell of her breast. The eggs are hatched by the heat of the sun, ten weeks being the average time of incubation. When the little terrapins dig themselves out of the sand they take at once to the water and are able to look out for themselves.

The terrapin takes his winter quarters at the bottom of the pond. The older ones sleep all through the cold weather, while the younger ones remain around the edges of the bank.—N. Y. Journal.

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Daniel James, Thomas Hinds and John Swift have been convicted at Tuscola, of robbing the home of George Keith after beating the family with clubs.

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About the Eye.

For people with sore eyes, weak, watery eyes, and red and inflamed eyes, caused by eye, catarrh or otherwise, the Brazilian Balm is a priceless boon. Put 15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonful of warm water and bathe the eyes well night and morning, getting some of the solution into the eyes. The relief and benefit is worth a hundred times the cost.

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Prof. Grist, who has charge of the blind asylum at Jacksonville, is about to move to California.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on the Neisler Drug and Supply Co. or N. L. Krohn and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar which always gives relief.

Milton White of Wenona, shipped four car loads of cattle last week that averaged 1700, one steer tipping the scale at 2350. They had only been fed two months but were in prime condition.

Dr. L. Kittinger, a leading physician of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprietor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dollar bottle. A few weeks afterwards the doctor said: "I had a couple of cases of old cough on hand that completely baffled me. I had got to the end of my string. But the Balm made a prompt cure in both cases. It is a remarkable remedy."

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists. Mrs. Gay Heatty of Delavon, was badly burned, her clothes accidentally taking fire from a gasoline stove.

For Homeowners.

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There is talk about Mendota of dividing LaSalle, bureau and Lee counties and making a new one, of which Mendota will be the county seat.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

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SMALL PROFITS OF MURDERERS

Few of Them Realize Riches by Means of Their Crimes.

Much has been published in England about the professional assassins of Paris, writes our Paris correspondent, and in many cases fabulous gains have been attributed to them as a result of their crimes, but these exist more frequently in fiction than in fact. Statistics recently compiled by the prefect of Paris police throw a good deal of light on the assassin's trade as practiced in modern times. Especially interesting are they in view of the popular, but very erroneous, idea that the assassin's trade is a profitable one. That it is quite the reverse seems to be clearly proved by a record of the profits gained by notorious assassins during the last 30 years.

Biographies of a large number of French murderers, some of whom paid the penalty of their crimes on the guillotine, while others were transported to New Caledonia, show that the average murderer makes far less money at his abominable trade than is made by any third-rate artisan or even day laborer.

Here, for example, are the names of a few criminals and a statement as to the actual money profit that resulted in each case: Sejournet committed one crime, and his profit was £25 shillings; Rossell, one crime, £1 10 shillings; Ducrest, one crime, £8 worth of jewelry; Cathelin, one crime, about 5 shillings. These are not princely profits, but they are large compared with others. Three men for example—Georges Voty and Franck—committed a horrible crime and only made about sixpence apiece. Several others were more fortunate, for they gained nothing at all. Other knights of the road found to their dismay after dispatching their victims that they had no money on them, and they were consequently bound to be satisfied with such booty as they could obtain in the shape of watches and other jewelry, which, of course, is less desirable than money, as it is not always easy to dispose of.

True, a few assassins have made a considerable sum of money. Three, Martin, Begheim and Lapommeraye, were especially fortunate or unfortunate in this respect. Martin found £200 in his victim's purse, Begheim got £1,400 worth of jewelry and Lapommeraye also acquired a large sum of money at one stroke. These men, however, did not live very long to enjoy their wealth, as justice overtook them and quickly dispatched them to another world. Such men are rare, however, so rare that a careful calculation shows that the average amount made by French assassins during the last 30 years does not exceed nine or ten shillings for each crime.

Such being the case, the wonder is that there are so many murderers. And a greater wonder is, why, if they are determined to kill for the sake of obtaining money they do not arrange to kill persons who are known to be wealthy and do not seize an opportunity when their intended victims have their pockets stuffed with gold. A distinguished official of the police force in Paris says that the assassins act in their usual foolish manner simply because they are imbeciles.—London Mail.

MODELING A STATUE.

How the Modern Sculptor Does His Interesting Work.
From the lump of clay which his fingers have flattened, trimmed, rounded off, the little model rises forth as a nucleus, from which it is a matter of time to come. With the proportions laid out in the small clay, the sculptor stretches his iron framework for the full-sized model. On a platform of heavy beams he constructs this framework, which, when complete, has an anatomical look about it; but it would be a difficult matter to find in the seemingly crazy arrangement of twisted iron and the wire ropes, with blocks of wood tied on there, anything resembling anatomy.

The skeleton frame has to be exceedingly strong; for should any part give way later with the weight of the damp clay, it would doubtless involve the beginning of the work all over again. With the frame complete and tested as to its strength, the clay is built up around it, careful attention being given to each minute detail, especially to the anatomical ones. From the beginning, in the use of the clay, it is essential to keep it damp, and all through the construction water is applied through a hosepipe with a sprinkler attached. This wetting down is extremely important, for should the clay get dry, it would crumble like dirt, or crack, thus ruining the work.

The figure of the general is modeled nude, and brought to a high finish. A live model is employed for the purpose, and he poses astride a dummy horse in the position the sketch and miniature model call for. After the figure is finished, even to the curve of each muscle, equipments are put on the dummy horse, and the model dresses himself in the general's costume and again takes the pose. The sculptor then proceeds to dress the general and his horse.

With his many different tools he slowly shapes the clothing in the new clay that he has ruthlessly slumped on the exquisite modeling underneath. Bit by bit the various garments assume form and develop under the ready hand of the master, every little fold or crease being carefully worked up. The likeness is the most important part, however, and great attention is paid to the face. In this it is necessary to combine so many things beside likeness that the task is at times almost discouraging.—Harper's Round Table.

A Wax Reminiscence.

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Mother—Why not, dear?
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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make an application for the pardon of Iowa or Rosella Soots, to the Governor of Illinois, at Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, January 1, 1897, at one o'clock p. m., or as soon thereafter as said pardon is heard.
Dated Decatur, Ill., December 14, 1896.
MARGARET JORDAN.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

On January 4th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., I will offer for sale the stock of implements, Power Corn Sheller, Office Furniture, Seed Cases, Rack, Shelving, etc., held by me as assignee of Geo. S. Durfee & Co., at the South Water street building, Decatur, Ill. I reserve the right to reject any and all bids. This is a rare opportunity for anyone wishing to go into the implement business, as they should not only get a good stock of implements but the stock and giving them all the information required.
J. M. HUGHES, Assignee of Geo. S. Durfee & Co.
Dec. 18, 1896-44

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Estate of James T. Winslow, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of James T. Winslow, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1896.
FRANCES G. WISLAW, Executrix.
Dec. 17-44

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MACON COUNTY.

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, 1897.
John King et al. vs. Samuel G. Malone et al.—
It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that on the inquiry the residence of the following named defendants, Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Saffroni Bohrer cannot be found, notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in said court in the chancery side thereof, which said suit is still pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of you above named defendants returnable to the next January term 1897, on the first day thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county of Macon, Illinois, in January, A. D. 1897. Now unless you, the said Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Saffroni Bohrer shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, or cause to be taken and entered against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.
Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1896.
(Seal.) F. McLELLAN, Clerk.
Dec. 1-44

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MACON COUNTY.

In the Circuit Court, Macon County.
B. T. Hixley vs. Perry Wandell et al. No. 15,757.
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court (127th day of the court), the master in chancery of said court, will on
Tuesday, December 23rd, 1896,
at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county of Macon, Illinois, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the center of the southeast quarter of section No. thirty-four (34) in township No. sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence west fifteen (15) chains, thence north twenty (20) chains, thence east fifteen (15) chains, thence south twelve (12) chains to the place of beginning; containing eighteen (18) acres situated in the county of Macon, in the State of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 25th day of December, 1896.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
W. E. Richmond, Sol.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MACON COUNTY.

In the Circuit Court, Macon County, Illinois.
Bulah M. Seely vs. Alexander Isbels—No. 15,586. Bill to foreclose mortgage.
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on
Tuesday, December 23rd, 1896,
at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the center of the southeast quarter of section sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence south to the west line of the center of the South Division of the Washburn Railway Company, thence north easterly along said right of way to point 79 feet east of the place of beginning, thence west 70 feet to the place of beginning, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1896, at Decatur, Illinois.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park, Solicitors.—Nov. 28-44

NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MACON COUNTY.

In the Circuit Court, in the January Term.
Joseph McKeown vs. L. M. Neal—Distress for
Affidavit of the nonresidence of the defendant above named having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, is hereby given to the said L. M. Neal that the said Joseph McKeown filed a copy of his certain distress warrant against the said L. M. Neal, together with an inventory of the goods and chattels levied upon by virtue thereof, in the office of the clerk of said court on the 14th day of December, 1896, and that he demands satisfaction of said court against said defendant, returnable on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1897, as is required by law.

Now, therefore, unless the said L. M. Neal shall personally appear before the said court of Macon county, on the first day of the term thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1897, and plead to the said plaintiff's affidavit of distress, and answer or demur to the same, and in favor of the said Joseph McKeown, and accredit of such finding issued accordingly, and so much of the said plaintiff's distress as may be sufficient to satisfy the debt against the said defendant, and cause to be sold to satisfy the same.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk Circuit Court.
S. A. D. Gray, Plaintiff's Attorney.
Dec. 10-44

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MACON COUNTY.

In the Circuit Court to the January Term 1897.
Ida E. Armstrong vs. Isabella Disney et al.—In Chancery.
It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that the defendants, Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young, three of the above named defendants, are non residents of the state of Illinois. Notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainant has filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof and that said suit is still pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of the above named defendants returnable to the next January term of said court on the first day thereof to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county of Macon, Illinois, on January, A. D. 1897. Now unless you, the said Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.
Dated at Decatur, Ill. this 24th day of December, A. D. 1896.
(Seal.) F. McLELLAN, Clerk.
Dec. 2-44

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MACON COUNTY.

Estate of Frederick Ebert, Deceased.
To John H. Ebert, Elizabeth Ebert, Catherine Ebert, the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Decatur, William F. Ebert, Addie Ebert, Joseph Ebert, and Clara Ebert, heirs and legatees of said deceased.
It appearing that on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, will present to the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, in said county of Macon, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such executor, and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate, and his 4-months' account of said estate, and that he may be present and resist such application if you choose so to do.
(Signed) JACOB F. EHRET, Executor.
Bunn & Park, Attorneys.
December 2, 1896-44

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William Florey, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of William Florey, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 8th day of December, 1896.
SHERY A. TUTTLE, Executor.
Dec. 8-96

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect May 20, 1896.

Vabash Line	
TO CHICAGO.	FROM CHICAGO.
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